

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-21. (canceled)

22. (currently amended) A method of alerting a recipient of an electronic message from a given source, comprising:

identifying a recipient of a received electronic message;

identifying a source of said received electronic message;

comparing a current time to a predefined time at which to alert said recipient by telephone;

comparing said source of said electronic message to a predefined list of sources for which to alert said recipient by telephone;

deferring alerting said recipient of said received electronic message until said current time corresponds to said predetermined time at which to alert said recipient; and

if said source is identified in said predefined list of sources for which to alert said recipient by telephone, ~~and if said current time corresponds to said predetermined time at which to alert said recipient,~~ dialing a telephone number for said recipient and telephonically alerting said recipient of said received electronic message when said current time corresponds to said predetermined time at which to alert said recipient.

23. (original) The method of alerting a recipient of an electronic message according to claim 22, wherein:

said electronic message is an e-mail message.

24. (currently amended) Apparatus to alert a recipient of an electronic message from a given source, comprising:

identifier to identify a recipient of a received electronic message and a source of said received electronic message;

comparator to compare a current time to a predefined time at which to alert said recipient by telephone;

comparator to compare said source of said electronic message to a predefined list of sources for which to alert said recipient by telephone;

processor to defer alerting said recipient of said received electronic message until said current time corresponds to said predetermined time at which to alert said recipient; and

dialer to dial a telephone number for said recipient and telephonically alerting said recipient of said received electronic message if said source is identified in said predefined list of sources at which to alert said recipient by telephone and if said current time corresponds to said predetermined time for which to alert said recipient.

25. (previously presented) Apparatus to alert a recipient of an electronic message according to claim 24, wherein:

said electronic message is an e-mail message.

26. (currently amended) Apparatus to alert a recipient of an electronic message from a given source, comprising:

means for identifying a recipient of a received electronic message and a source of said received electronic message;

means for comparing a current time to a predefined time at which to alert said recipient by telephone;

means for comparing said source of said electronic message to a predefined list of sources for which to alert said recipient by telephone;

means to defer alerting said recipient of said received electronic message until said current time corresponds to said predetermined time at which to alert said recipient; and

means for dialing a telephone number for said recipient and telephonically alerting said recipient of said received electronic message if said source is identified in said predefined list of sources for which to alert said recipient by telephone and if said current time corresponds to said predetermined time at which to alert said recipient.

27. (previously presented) Apparatus to alert a recipient of an electronic message according to claim 26, wherein:

said electronic message is an e-mail message.